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ACTION OF MARCH 9, 2004**

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Dear Sirs:

In response to the Office Action of March 9, 2004, please amend the claims as shown on the attached sheets.

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are pending in the application. Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The Examiner requested that Applicant corrected the language to state that the means for biasing biases the handle portion in the direction toward the tongue portion instead of away from the tongue portion. Actually it is the tongue portion that is normally biased in a direction